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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

Canada, Colombia, Denmark*, Finland, Hungary, Norway* and Venezuela: draft resolution

Human rights and disability

The Commission on Human Rights,

Mindful of the pledge made by States, under the Charter of the United Nations, to take action jointly and separately, in cooperation with the United Nations, in order to promote a better quality of life, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Reaffirming the commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms, social justice and the dignity and worth of the human person proclaimed in the Charter,

Recalling in particular the international standards of human rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting that the rights proclaimed in those instruments should be ensured equally to all individuals without discrimination,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/26 of 24 May 1990 and the detailed enumeration in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of specific measures required for the attainment of full equality by persons with disabilities,

Recalling also the final report on human rights and disability of the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Leandro Despouy (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/31),

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and in particular the decision to appoint, within the framework of the Commission for Social Development, a special rapporteur to monitor the implementation of the Standard Rules (Part IV, para. 2),

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to maintain the integrity of programmes within the United Nations system relating to disabled persons, including the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability, in order to promote the rights and the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion within societies of persons with disabilities;

2. Welcomes the work done by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to draw attention to the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on human rights and disability;

3. Also welcomes the call by the General Assembly to States to apply the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993;

4. Urges States to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur appointed, within the framework of the Commission for Social Development, to monitor the

implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and to meet his requests for information;

5. Also urges States to cooperate fully in the provision of relevant data to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

6. Encourages all the human rights treaty-monitoring bodies to respond positively to its invitation to monitor the compliance of States with their commitments under the relevant human rights instruments in order to ensure the full enjoyment of those rights by disabled persons;

7. Urges non-governmental organizations active in the protection and promotion of persons with disabilities to provide relevant information to the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights and the Centre for Human Rights;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report biennially to the General Assembly on the progress of efforts to ensure the full recognition and enjoyment of the human rights of disabled people;

9. Reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that the rights of persons with disabilities and their concern for full participation in community affairs continue to be addressed in all of its work;

10. Decides to continue to consider the question at its fifty-first session under the agenda item "Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities".